



## **APPROVED MINUTES**

### **SUNNYVALE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.**

**Lobby Conference Room, Sunnyvale City Hall  
456 West Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale 94086**

#### **CALL TO ORDER/SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Jeanine Stanek; Vice Chair David Squellati; Comm. Amrit Verma; Comm. Nirmala Vaidyanathan; Comm. Mark Johnson; Comm. Dale Mouritsen

Staff Present: Ryan Kuchenig, Associate Planner; Joey Mariano, Recording Secretary

Councilmember Liaison: Vice Mayor David Whittum

#### **SCHEDULED PRESENTATION**

None

#### **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approval of Draft Minutes of January 11, 2012

**Chair Stanek** noted some modifications that were referenced in a previous email sent to the Commission. Her email was distributed to the Commission.

**Vice Chair Squellati** noted minor grammatical corrections.

**Vice Chair Squellati made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 11, 2012 as corrected. Comm. Mouritsen seconded. Motion carried 4-1 with Comm. Vaidyanathan abstaining.**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS**

2. Report on the 2012 Study Issues Workshop of February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Ryan Kuchenig** explained the process of the Study Issue Workshop and provided the results. He noted that study issue CDD 12-03 (Cultural Heritage of Sunnyvale) was ranked sixth by the Council.

**Comm. Johnson** joined the meeting.

### 3. Discussion of the “Cultural Heritage of Sunnyvale” Study Issue

**Mr. Kuchenig** noted that the study issue is tentatively scheduled for review by this Commission in July and the City Council in August. He further noted that he would like to gather the Commission’s thoughts and ideas at tonight’s meeting. He mentioned that Diana O’Dell, Senior Planner, will be the project planner for the study and that she has already begun some research. He pointed out that she has worked on previous heritage studies, such as the Eichler Design Guidelines and Taaffe-Frances Heritage Neighborhood Design Guidelines.

**Chair Stanek** pointed out that the museum lends books. The book “Sunnyvale – From the City of Destiny to the Heart of Silicon Valley”, by *Mary Jo Ignoffo*, can be purchased at the museum gift shop.

**Mr. Kuchenig** stated that a goal may be to provide this information in a more readable format, such as through pamphlets or on the City’s web site.

**Comm. Mouritsen** asked if there is a list of ethnic organizations.

**Mr. Kuchenig** responded that he is not aware of a published list.

**Comm. Johnson** acknowledged that he is putting a list together, and that he is in communication with Jean Libby, a local African American historian.

**Chair Stanek** suggested contacting Sunnyvale Community Services, as they work with various ethnic groups.

**Comm. Mouritsen** mentioned Bob Shouse, who is part of the Sunnyvale Museum and a member of a German-Russian ethnic group.

**Chair Stanek** stated that Assemblyman Paul Fong is a good resource, as well as Congressman Mike Honda. She also noted Manuela Rodriguez, who has written a book about the Spaniards.

**Comm. Vaidyanathan** asked what type of contributions and cultural groups would be the focus of the study.

**Mr. Kuchenig** explained that part of the purpose of the study is to recognize the contributions of the various ethnic groups that may not be well documented and present the information in a more accessible way. He noted that staff will conduct outreach meetings.

**Comm. Johnson** inquired as to what period the study need to encompass.

**Mr. Kuchenig** responded that the study is to focus specifically on Sunnyvale, and to look at historical contributions.

**Chair Stanek** opened the public hearing.

**Vice Mayor David Whittum** noted that he was at the Libraries Reference section and discovered information regarding archeological artifacts; however, he learned that the geographic locations of American Indians in the City are not made known to the general public. He further explained that only certain professionals are given the exact locations of past American-Indian sites. He further noted that the City could have a special landmark that depicts the Native American culture.

**Vice Chair Squellati** mentioned that he had given an article, from the Palo Alto Weekly, to Chair Stanek about the strawberry fields which were cultivated by James Imahara and his family. He noted that they may still live on Wolfe Road.

**Comm. Mouritsen** asked if there is a budget for publishing material.

**Comm. Johnson** noted that the library has material on American Indians. He asked staff if there is a budget for publishing this work.

**Mr. Kuchenig** responded that the budget will have to be further clarified.

**Chair Stanek** stated that collaborating with the Library may be a good idea since they could provide assistance with publishing.

**Vice Chair Squellati** asked if Diana O'Dell is the staff member that worked on the General Plan.

**Mr. Kuchenig** responded in the affirmative and that she will be informed of the Commission's comments. He also noted that she will be attending a future meeting to discuss the status of the study. He also stated that the Commission can send any additional ideas or suggestions to him.

**Vice Mayor Whittum** noted that this study issue is appropriate this year, as it is the City's centennial year.

#### **NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS**

- BOARD MEMBERS OR COMMISSIONERS ORAL COMMENTS
- STAFF ORAL COMMENTS

**Mr. Kuchenig** noted that the next scheduled meeting is May 2.

#### **INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS**

**Chair Stanek** asked staff to distribute a contact list to the Commission.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M

Respectfully submitted by:

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Ryan Kuchenig, Associate Planner